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# A VETERAN SPEAKS

Day before yesterday we accompanied 1st Sgt. Herbert Merrill to his home in Concord, New Hampshire. Sgt. Merrill, of Ward 8, has been in two World Wars. As a now-famous topkick in the 1st Infantry Division, he was wounded twice in this war, once shortly after the invasion of North Africa, the second time while holding Hill 350.

On the train, Sgt. Merrill gave us some first-hand information concerning the work accomplished "over there" by the Medical Department of the United States Army. The Sergeant said:

"I saw the medical men perform wonders on the Tunisian battlefields; there is a world of difference between the old days and now. The Medical Corps was formerly made up of men unfit for line duty, although they carried on in normal peace time, they would be unable to do it today."

"The present set-up starts from rear to front, from the numbered general hospitals to the soldiers right there with the troops; these soldiers have the hardest jobs."

He described in detail the duties of the men who take care of the wounded: "They live absolutely under the same conditions as the combat troops; unarmed, yet they face the same dangers as the troops, the same hardships--it takes plenty of guts to do their jobs. And their work is never finished--from the evacuation of wounded to battalion aid stations to zones generally close to the lines then again by plane to general hospitals. It is a long chain, of hard, endless work."

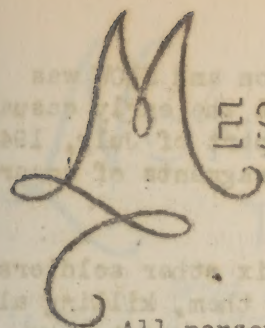
"I saw these soldiers under difficult conditions, living as we lived; I admired their determination to save lives with every trick of the trade and with disregard for their own safety. They deserve a world of credit."

"But that's only part of the job. The Medical Department performs wonders in the general hospitals over here, and the skill, experience, and care of medical and surgical officers, of nurses, and soldiers is something we can't praise too highly or too often. I believe the mission of the Medical Department will be written in history as one of the greatest accomplishments of this war."

.....and that's from a "tough" 1st Sergeant, wounded twice in this war, paralyzed in both legs and now slowly regaining their full use, holder of the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, and with twenty-seven years--nine hash marks worth--of experience in the service!

S/Sgt. Alfred Ciaburri





## MESSAGE FROM CO. 297 G.H.

All personnel of the command join me in expressing appreciation to Colonel S. Jay Turnbull, and those of Tilton General Hospital who gave us such a warm reception upon arrival in the early morning hours recently, and the splendid hospitality shown us since then. Our sincere thanks to the mess personnel of Tilton for the breakfast they prepared for us that chilly morning.

There are many administrative matters necessarily required at this time and all departments of this hospital appreciate the enthusiastic cooperation of the Tilton personnel.

We hope that our operation overseas will reflect the training received at Tilton General Hospital.

FRANCIS W. PRUITT  
Colonel, Medical Corps,  
Commanding

## TILTON PATIENT-MEDIC AWARDED SILVER STAR

BY CPL. ROBERT L. GEIGER



Company aid men, long unknown and their deeds in battle virtually unheralded in the press, are gradually coming into their own and are being recognized as the dauntless, inspiring soldiers they are. Armed only with Red Cross brassards and medical supplies, these soldiers of the Medical Department attached to fighting units daily perform heroic feats of rescue and life-saving under trying and perilous conditions. One such company aid man who knows what it is like to administer to the wounded under the heavy fire and stress of battle is PFC RICHARD C. SNOW, Ward 12, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

PFC SNOW has been awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action while assisting in the treatment of wounded and in their evacuation to places of safety while under heavy artillery and machine gun fire both in Tunisia and during the invasion of Sicily.

Serving with a regimental combat team of the 1st Infantry Division PFC SNOW served throughout the North African invasion and Tunisian campaign, emerging from the heavy fighting and destruction there without a scratch.

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Then with a month's rest, the 1st went into the Sicilian invasion and SNOW was right with it, landing with the first waves to administer aid to the early casualties. About five days after the invasion began, in the early part of July, 1943, SNOW was helping a wounded soldier when he himself was hit by fragments of an artillery shell and put out of action.

SNOW had been huddled with a group of about five or six other soldiers, regular infantrymen, when enemy planes and tanks bore down upon them, killing all the men except SNOW who was hit in the head. More company aid men came to the rescue and evacuated SNOW to the rear from where he was flown to a general hospital in Oran by plane. From there he was sent back to the United States.

Perhaps the simplest yet the most exact tribute to PFC SNOW and others like him was paid him through the words of a nurse at Halloran General Hospital who dressed his head wound when she remarked: "--the fellows said you were one brave guy on the other side." Which just about tells the story of company aid man RICHARD SNOW of Great Barrington, Mass.

(Editor's Note: PFC SNOW has officially been awarded the Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster by WD order thru the Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division, and the medal itself is expected to arrive soon at which time the Commanding Officer, Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey, will present it to SNOW in a public ceremony.)

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## SOME NEW COMMISSIONS AUTHORIZED OVERSEAS



Washington (CNS) - Warrant officers and enlisted men serving overseas in non-combat assignments who have demonstrated outstanding qualifications but who cannot be released for Officer Candidate Schools because of the importance of their work may now be appointed second lieutenants by their Commanders, the War Department has announced.

Although overseas theater commanders had previously been authorized to appoint officers from the ranks for combat leadership, appointment of officers from the non-combat categories was formerly subject to War Department clearance. In general the new appointments will be limited to filling positions of a command nature or those which require special technical or professional skills.

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New York (CNS) - In order to assure servicemen of adequate hotel accommodations on leaves, hotel men have urged GIs to make their reservations well ahead of time, stating the hour of their expected arrival, the length of their stay, the number of their party, the type of accommodations desired and the hour of expected departure.

buy an extra bond



# NONCOMS TO HAVE MORE TRAINING AND RECOGNITION

C.N.S.

Great care in the selection and promotion of noncommissioned officers in the U. S. Army is urged by Gen. Marshall in War Department Circular 70, recently released, which provides for the thorough training of noncoms and the removal of those who fail to attain or maintain acceptable standards.

"It has been clearly demonstrated in this war, as in past wars, that noncommissioned officers are the backbone of the Army," the circular states. "Success in combat depends upon the character and qualifications of the noncommissioned officers commanding small units. They must be outstanding leaders with a high sense of duty and a strong will. They must be resourceful and willing to assume responsibility.



"In order to assure that our noncommissioned officers are equal to the tasks that lie ahead of them, commanders of all echelons will give their personal attention to improving the quality and prestige of those noncommissioned officers who exercise command responsibility."

That these results may be attained, the order makes the following provisions:

1. That machinery be established to provide for the careful selection of noncommissioned officer material and a system of promotions that will be recognized as sound and just by all concerned.
2. That appropriate noncommissioned officer schools be established and operated.
3. That noncommissioned officers who fail to attain or maintain acceptable standards be removed.
4. That the prestige of the noncommissioned officer grades be enhanced by the extension of additional privileges and liberties to the holders of those ranks.

WD 70 also calls for public recognition of the accomplishments and importance of noncoms, and lastly, for the thorough indoctrination of every noncom with the importance and responsibility of his grade and position.

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GIS WITH JAP MONEY PLAN HOT TIME IN TOKYO, Kwajalein Atoll (CNS)--While mopping up here, two GIS uncovered a small mint of Jap coins and folding money. "Fill up your pockets," one of them said. "We'll spend this dough in Tokyo."

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THAT'S PLENTY, THANKS, Grand Island, Neb. (CNS)--A local resident, recently shipped abroad, wrote: "We asked the censor and he said it was all right to tell you that we are at (word deleted by censor). That's all I can tell you, though."

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# RED CROSS NEWS

Miss  
Jeanette  
Caldwell

## War Fund Drive

As of Wednesday, 5 April 1944, the closing day of the Drive, \$981.00 has been donated to the Red Cross by patients and personnel of Tilton General Hospital. This figure is more than twice that of last year's drive. Our Staff here at Tilton appreciates your demonstration of confidence in our work.

## Patient News

Patients have again shown a flair for "the dramer". Last Thursday evening at the patient "Smoker", unusually fine talent was revealed, highlighted by Sgt Herbert Merrill as M.C., a guest appearance by our own Sgt Eddie Judge, who told a few \_\_\_\_\_ jokes!, and by Pfc Green Mitchell, who did a very solid imitation of a tap dance with his tongue and teeth, accompanying himself on the Hawaiian guitar.



The patient cast played to a house packed with their fellow patients, who were especially enthusiastic over a short but quite professional tap dance routine performed by T/4 Buddy Pair.

Bouquets should go also to Pvt Hans Rohde for his piano accompaniment; to Pvt Ernest Cimore for his "boy meets girl" act with Buddy Pair; to T/4 Donnel Carlin for his tenor crooning; to Sgt Simon Glazer for his "drumming" (GI bedside table) in duet with Pfc Mitchell; and to Pfc Oilednos Lozado for Spanish songs to a "drumming" (wastebasket) accompaniment by Cpl Angelo Rosaly. Cpl Rusko Hills, Pvt George Reynolds, Pvt George Johnson and Cpl Everett Bennett were stage-manager, light man, chief usher, and desk man respectively. Refreshments were served by the Gloucester County Red Cross Canteen.

It is hoped that this is only the first of many good patient shows, planned and performed by our fast developing patient dramatic club. Anyone who has an act, a skit, a song, a dance -- tell Miss Elder, Red Cross Recreation Worker.

## More Ward Movies

Bed patients are now being shown thirty movies a week. On five wards where there are the most bed patients, there are two or three shows a week. This has been made possible by a combined program of training and recreational films set up by the Reconditioning Office and the Red Cross Recreation Department.



## It's About Time Dept.

A word of thanks and appreciation: To Major Baldes, Captain Springer, Cpl Moran and Sgt Nally for that Tilton brand of cooperation between Reconditioning and Recreation.

To Major S. Katz and Sgt Eddie Judge (it's about time) for their very special Special Service to us re U.S.O. shows.

To Captain Henon, Sgt Al Ciaburri, and Cpl Bob Geiger for that extra courtesy above and beyond the call of duty.



# With the Chaplains

By:  
Capt.  
Bernard J.  
Carlin

You will remember the late Mr. Irvin S. Cobb. He was a great humorist. He had a style and wit all his own. Unfortunately, his last work was a more than sour note in a lifetime dedicated to the making of the merry music of laughter. In the midst of a thoroughly cynical and blasphemous "Last Letter" which received a very wide press, Mr. Cobb saw fit to put in a good word for the 23rd Psalm. He did this on the grounds that it was his mother's favorite and that it "contained no charnel words, no morbid mouthings about corruption and decay.....no threat of eternal fire for those parties we do not like, no direct promise of heaven which.....must be a powerfully dull place, populated to a considerable and uncomfortable degree by prigs....." "Hell," he continued, "may have a worse climate, but undoubtedly the company is sprightlier." Well written, Mr. Cobb, very well written indeed. If your lifetime indicates nothing else, it shows that over the years you became adept in the correct choice of words for the exact shade of meaning. And, it is funny, too, Mr. Cobb, very, very funny indeed.

This is not an attempt to decry a man who is in no position to defend himself. Were the above words the end of Mr. Cobb, we could, in our very human way, proceed to ignore him completely. We could tuck him gently into the folds of Mother Earth, pat that Earth firmly about him, for good measure put a pot of geraniums at his feet, walk away.....and forget him completely. Unfortunately, for the vast majority of us, we cannot do that simple task. There are too many of Mr. Cobb's ilk in this world. They do not answer to the name of Cobb but their ideas are similar to his and their aim is the same as his. Having themselves completely lost the idea behind their creation and existence, they hold up to ridicule and buffoonery the ideas and ideals which not a few people hold sacred. When the Cobbs cry "Sissy", if these poor benighted folk do not thunder applause, they are put down as "misguided, backward" and a host of other vague categories. If poking fun at ideals and sacred things is humor, then most of the people of the world would rather do without laughter.



Humor is supposed to make people laugh, to be gay. Its end is to make them forget if but for a brief moment, the overwhelming sorrow of this world. We could do with plenty of that. But, humor that desecrates, holds up to ridicule, misses the point of its being entirely. Nowadays, we have too few things to make us lighthearted and gay. We could well use much more laughter. But, laughter and humor at the expense of a third party is a mighty sad investment. A very few years ago, Chancellor Hitler was amused so much at a little humor of his own making that he did an impromptu jig. He had just pulled one of the greatest jokes of all time. He had breached the impregnable Maginot line. It is to be wondered how much laughter forty million Frenchmen have had at that same joke.

Mr. Cobb is gone. His humoristic satellites remain. We wish that they could have accompanied their master. But, since we must endure them, we have but one request to make of them. Give us your humor. Make us laugh. But please spare us your cynacism and your morbid outlook. Give us something funny to laugh at. Don't lampoon sacred things you know nothing about. Don't make yourselves ridiculous by being prophets. Remember "He who laughs last, laughs best."





# QUACK! QUACK!

Again the SGO has peeked into our 201 files and this time the finger pointed to:

"HENRY COTTON, he's close to our Colonel  
He knows all the ARs that's writ"

The ink was scarcely dry on the orders before the Staff had cooked up a send-off from the Officers' Lounge. Us female ducks weren't included in the revelry but if the noise that gurgled from the Club is any criterion, Henry certainly must have been successfully launched.

The SGO's Office is very resourceful  
Once again it leaves us remorseful.  
This time HENRY COTTON's its victim,  
And we're so sorry that it pictim!

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The trout season was opened at the Colonel's pond by HAL HERMANN and "JUICE" FREDIANI. They say they got their limit and threw the rest back. Anyway.....

Five o'clock at the Club Frediani arrived,  
With all the five trout that had survived.  
"Where'd you buy those?" was the Colonel's blast,  
But at breakfast he surely enjoyed the repast.

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All Fool's Day was celebrated at the Officers' Lounge and it wasn't a fool's errand. The Club looked foolish with blankets at the windows - mattresses slung on the floor - old bottles with candles as illumination - and everyone acting the fool, but in costume. There was much foolery - it being a Saturday nite and professional entertainment at a premium SY KATZ foolhardily organized our own entertainment which would have made Billy Rose envious. There was a tumbling act to music by FITZGERALD and KATZ; vocal renditions by FRANCES BALDES; specialty dancing by that wiggling trio of G. WETZEL, JOHNSON, and KATZ, and a chorus that was foolproof - H. TURNBULL, ROSEMARY FREDIANI, G. WETZEL, JOHNSON, FITZGERALD, and KATZ.

TOM SLATER of the Mutual Broadcasting Company, dropped in and seemed to enjoy being a fool as much as we did. In fact, everyone seemed to have a good time and I'm not foolin'.

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Did you know that FRANK SMITH has been hiding his talents under a bushel basket? Did you know that for years he was with Barnum and Bailey's



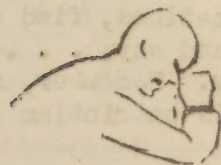
# THE ENEMY IN AMERICA

circus? If you want some entertainment, just start Frank on his days under the Big Top. It's an education, leave me tell you. Now -- we know who drives those "six white horses" that we're always singin' about.

We hear that "Jeep" TURNBULL is now in Memphis embarking on his career as an x-ray technician. We don't hear much about the course, but there isn't a doubt in our mind that Memphis is the home of "the most beautiful women in the world." Trust Bud to land in a spot like that!

In case you have been wondering as to the whereabouts of SMOKEY HERMANN, he has now taken up residence at the Colonel's Farm. He has a private dog house with a southern exposure, private yard, and the best in table d'hôte. Pat's nose is a little out of joint, but we're hoping Smokey will win him over before the fur flies.

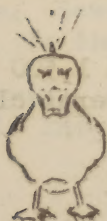
As we go to press, the SGO has been busy again. LEN BERMAN, of the Old Guard, has, after three false alarms, finally cleared the post. We're sure going to miss you, Zaloti, but know you're going to enjoy getting that suntan!



Oh, it used to be HERMANN, BERMAN, and VERMIN!  
Then, it was HERMANN and BERMAN!  
Now, it's  
HERMANN!

Good luck, Zanuck, and keep producing!

The end of the page I just can't make  
My mind's a blank - can't even fake.  
Will have to stop for lack of news,  
But, in a couple of weeks I'll be seein' youse.



"DOC" DUCK



# THE ENEMY IN AMERICA

John  
Roy  
Carlson  
author of "Under Cover"

Many of us believe that the only enemies America has are either in Europe or the Pacific. Not all of us are aware of the enemy in our own back yard -- an enemy who may actually do us more harm than bombs or guns. Some of us don't believe he exists any more. But please take it from one who has been studying him at first hand for nearly five years, he is very much alive, and more sinister than any saboteur who blows up factories and power plants.

This psychological enemy of our democracy is insidious and cunning. He works on the minds of the masses-- sowing distrust and doubt, dissension and defeatism, and through the medium of sly and weasel words plants the seeds of hate and disunity behind the lines of our fight against Hitlerism. For we are fighting two wars: a military war abroad and a psychological war here. If we win a military victory abroad and lose the peace due to our failure to defeat the enemy at home, then we have lost all we fought for.

How can we recognize the enemy at home and detect his tricky propaganda? I have found in my years of experience as an undercover agent that these native would-be Quislings always wrap the Constitution and the Flag around themselves and scream "patriotism" and Americanism till it gushes out of their ears. Now this may sound perfectly o.k.--- until you remember that Hitler's rallying cries were "Germany First" and "Germany for the Germans" and in Norway Major Quisling and in France Pierre Laval rallied their followers with cries of "Norway First" and "France for the Frenchmen." So when you hear slogans like that over here, despite their fake patriotic fervor, first find out what the sloganeers have up their sleeves.



Now, more than ever, is the time to ask questions. Be "from Missouri." If you hear or read anything from these self-styled patriotic organizations, find out who the men and women are behind it, what they are trying to do, and why. . . . Beware of groups or individuals that wave the flag too prominently. Remember, a truly patriotic American does not have to go around bragging of his patriotism or Americanism.

I have found that native fascists-sympathetic to Hitler are now re-doubling their efforts. For the greater the military success of our armies in Europe, that much greater will the Axis press its psychological warfare over here. As it becomes daily more evident that Hitler will lose his war, Hitler's American fascists are more than ever determined to win the peace for him. America's greatest enemy on our own soil is this psychological saboteur of our democracy. Be on your guard against him especially when he's attacking some group or minority class of your fellow Americans. He wants you to hate. When he divides us, he expects to rule.

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## ..AND TROOPS WOULD MURDER THE BUGLER. . .

Chicago, Ill.-- (ALNS) -- When a local store advertised that it had 1,500 alarm clocks on sale, 2,500 women stormed the store, three women fainted, several clerks were roughly used by the customers, and four show cases were smashed.

Invest in the future with War Bonds



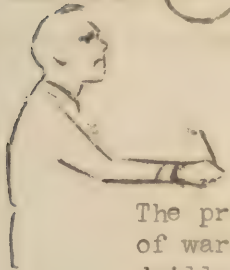
# NEW SCHOOL FOR NCO'S AT TGH

An ambitious training program for non-commissioned officers at TGH will be started in the very near future, according to Rubin R. Miller, Plans and Training Officer. One of the interesting and unusual features of this program will be the inauguration here of a self-teaching system with NCOs as instructors; later, these NCOs will teach the Privates of the Medical Detachment.

Another feature of the program, said Capt Miller, is the extra time devoted to examinations and drills which will be accomplished after duty hours.



This school is tentatively planned as a "year-round" program, which is spontaneously intended to benefit all members of the Detachment. This school is designed to spark leadership in noncoms and to give them further knowledge of Medical Dept. activities.



The program will embrace many subjects including first aid, the pitching of ward tents, map reading, military law, sanitation, leadership, litter drills, infiltration and others.

So that the normal functioning of the hospital will continue with the least possible interruption, noncoms will be divided into two classes, with each receiving instructions on a different day.

Assisting Captain Miller in the training program for noncoms are:

Lts John M. King, MAC, and John F. Cashen, MAC.



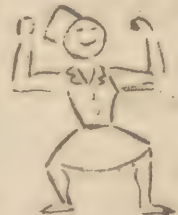
## A.N.C.

BY 2ND LT. FRANCES C. DEL VECCHIO

Spring Fever!

...Hurrah; Whooper; Zingo! Spring is here... And as always, at this time of the year, the A.N.C. is raring to get going again. Every quarters you walk thru you hear as the main topic of conversation, "Sports, Recreation, Action'." Our old squeaky joints are raring to give off heavy winter oil for the lighter summer special. . . .

Quarters #3 has again started its Rehabilitation Program under the guidance of "General" Yasi. Each night, the grunts and groans are fewer and fewer. Kept it up, General... before long we'll all be as agile as a spring breeze.... There has been much talk about another hike. Several of the girls are anxious to scour the country side again. Is there any possibility?



Last Spring, several sports equipments were purchased for our enjoyment. Do all you girls know of the baseball, badminton, and ping-pong equipment we have?

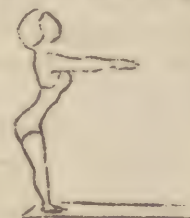
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Any time you wish to use them, they can be found in the "play-room" in Quarters No. 4. Incidentally, Capt. Drodgy, many girls are interested in volley-ball, and tennis. Are there any facilities for these?

Come Spring and warm weather, everyone's thoughts roam to swimming and picnic-ing. Soldiers' Island, at Browns Mills, was a wonderful diversion last year. I hope we will still have it this year. Is there any way that some means of transportation might be provided?

Anyone desiring to participate in swimming, NOW- can drive right in at the YWCA pool in Trenton. No physical is necessary, and all Service people are welcome. FREE OF CHARGE. Believe me, girls, it's elegant.. There are also provisions for almost any other sport you could possibly desire. A bulletin of the "Y" sports will be posted in the Mess Hall. . . Come on, girls-- let's make this a happy, gay, eventful and exciting summer at TGH. Convince the new girls to come along, too. Show them around the place. Let's all be one great big happy family. . . Smile away !!!



Congratulations and best wishes, CAPT. CLAIRE MARTIN on your well deserved promotion. Good luck to you.

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## PATIENTS' RECREATION HALL

### SCHEDULE OF ENTERTAINMENT

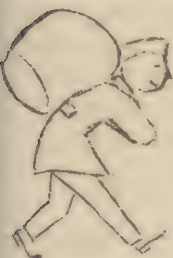
Sunday	16 October	Christian Defense Service Committee	3:00 - 8:00 PM
		Refreshments - Entertainment.	
Monday	17	Movies: "Meet the People" with (Hall)	5:30 - 7:30
		Lucille Ball, Dick Powell	
Tuesday	18	Musical Open House	6:00 - 9:00
Wednesday	19	Movies: "The Navy Way" with Jean Parker. (Short)	5:30 - 7:30
Thursday	20	Patient Quiz Program	7:00
Friday	21	USO Show	7:15
Saturday	22	Am. Legion Post 93 Games, songs, girls. .	3:00 8:00
Sunday	23	Women's Club of Aircraft System	3:00 8:00
		Refreshments; entertainment	
Monday	24	SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT *	
		** EDDIE CANTOR****	6:30
Tuesday	25	Open House	6:00 9:00
Wednesday	26	Movies: "You can't ration love" with Betty Rhodes & Johnny Johnson	5:30 7:30
Thursday	27	Patients' Stunt Night	7:30
Friday	28	Variety Show; Phila. council of Defense.	7:30
Saturday	29	Service Sisters; Games etc.	6:30
Sunday	30	USO; NCCS Sodalities Club	
		Refreshments; entertainment.	3:00 8:00
		String Sinfonietta from Trenton	
		Symphony orchestra on Wards	7:00 9:00
		8, 10, 7, 19.	

PATIENTS: For fun and entertainment visit some fine homes on a Red Cross week-end. . . . .



# NEW RECEIVING AND STORAGE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A new building, to be known as the Receiving and Patients' Effects Building, will be constructed at the south end of the hospital grounds adjacent to the Chapel according to Lt. Col. H. V. Fitzgerald, Post Engineer for the Tilton General Hospital Area. Work on the foundation has been in progress for over a week already and, it is estimated, construction of the building will require from six weeks to two months.



The new structure will consist of two sections joined by a closed corridor and will be attached by another corridor to the permanent hallway which now ends at the Chapel. It will be constructed of cinder block and will combine the present Receiving and Disposition Office with the Patients' Baggage Warehouse in one central building. Patients will thus be received, examined, and processed more quickly and efficiently.

A receiving entrance and driveway for ambulances will feature one of the structures, which will also contain waiting rooms, physical examination rooms, and clerical offices for the R & D staff. The second building will house lavatory and shower rooms and space for the storage of patients' baggage and hospital clothing which will be issued directly to the patients after receiving and processing is completed.

The entrance to the new building will be situated along boundary road which separates Tilton from the Reception Center. The road from the RC leading up to the TGH warehouses will be re-routed because of the extent of the new building, but the famous old tree on the training field, which is almost a landmark in these parts, will be spared.

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## MEDAL OF HONOR DIDN'T EXCITE KELLY

Italy (CNS)--T/Sgt Charles E. Kelly was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for killing at least 40 Germans in Italy, but evidently he wasn't knocked off his feet by the citation.

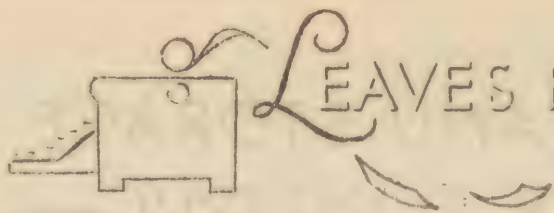
"Man, I got a medal," he wrote home. "I'm sending it home to you."

## OFFICER TO WED GIRL HE MET AT VESUVIUS

Mt. Vesuvius, Italy (CNS)--An G.I. officer and an Italian girl, brought together by war and an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, will be married here soon.

The officer, Lt. Robert W. Bussmann, of St. Louis, and the girl, Signorina Tina Scafora, an 18-year-old school teacher, met during rescue work on the slopes of the erupting volcano. They will be married within a month, he said, and spend their honeymoon at Capri.





# LEAVES FROM A NOTEBOOK

S/Sgt. Alfred Ciaburri

special orders. . .

. . . A special treat is in store for TGH; Eddie Cantor will entertain the patients here on April 24th, according to S/Sgt. Eddie Judge, of the Special Service. . . T/Sgt. Andrew J. Caetta and S/Sgt John K. Haines, of OM, will attend the next QMC SCS at Camp Lee, Va. on 29 April. . . Capt Josephine E. Springer says that plans have been completed for the start of Victory gardens here as part of the Occupational Therapy, with the Patients' Mess reaping the bonanza. . . Capt. Paul B. Henon, PRO, rushing to the PX 5 minutes before closing time and finding it closed. . . Maj. Louis Nelfo, formerly a Det. CO here, and now in England, wishes to be remembered to all his friends at TGH. . . Sgt. John S. Proszek, of the NPs, will attend the third NCO class in "Army Instruction" at Eastview, NY. . . Miss Doty Fisch, the Telephone operator, back to work today after being hospitalized in Trenton NJ. . .

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. . . ANC Captain Claire E. Martin, the only nurse at TGH to be promoted twice. . . Miss Katherine M. Ryan, Chief of Civvies, whose birthday is April 25th, remarked: "I'll be old enough to vote". . . S/Sgt. Dick Mantel, and WAC Marge Robertson---- window shopping for jewelry in Trenton last Thurs. at 8 PM. . . Best wishes to Sol Fox, of the Registrar's, for awhile on DS with the Chief of Ordnance doing auditing and now at OC School at Camp Lee, Va. . . Lt. Joseph Zawacki, Ward 21, off to Syracuse to attend a dinner meeting of the National Metal Trades Ass. . . A large number of TGH patients are takin' advantage of the US Armed Forces Institute courses. Pfc John A. Reesman and Cpl Ann (Mickey) Dion; there is no two ways about love. . . From our scrapbook: "The only thing better than a friend you can bank on is a bank you can draw on". . .

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. . . First Sgt. Herbert Merrill, of Ward 8, has been showered with loads of gift by "his public"; the most treasured one just received is a bright red and blue tie.. Cpl Myrna Smetzer, Capt Sarno's steno, who helps us to stencil TT- is still trying to find out who borrowed her blue pajamas from the laundry room. . . What's this we hear about Tom Key and his Flame in Palmyra, NJ? We also hear that he's been shopping for a ring. . . On furlough: Cpls Geo. Moore; Cy Smith and Pfc Ed Wade. . . Sick call: Em: Pfc Celedonio Lozada & Pvt. James Harris - WAC: T/5 Jerry Spiegler and Elizabeth Doty. . . WAC Charlotte Breiner and Cpl Manny Koffler, of Med. Supply: It's love, love, love. . . The boys in Bks one are anxious to find out when our worthy assistant Cpl Bob Geiger is getting that much promised 'scrap'. . . From our scrapbook: "Some girls don't intend to be married until they're thirty, and others don't intend to be thirty until they are married" . . .

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. . . We can never repeat often enough that silence is golden. . . Silence means security! . . Loose talk is direct delivery to the enemy. . . Safeguard our boys at the battle front by keeping still on the home front. . .

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. . . Congratulations and best wishes to the following men who have been recently promoted: Sgts: Albert Franzson, Stanley B. George; T/4: Sidney Crastnopol; Cpl: Charles Miller. . . Pfc Charles Dalton just received a box containing a pair of roller skates. . . Mrs. Marguerite Fleming of the EENT will tell you that she'll never never again touch any drink with a "cherry" in it. . . Pfc Ann A. Vesely of Maj. Baldes' Office, awaits with anxiety news of her Staff Sgt now overseas. . . . For the record: The new oak flooring on the stage of the Patients' Rec Hall and the Bowling Alley in Bks #2. . . Reports from neutral source reach us that Sgt. John Bray of the Post O. is an 'official' escort in the evenings when the PX closes. . . Ditto Pfc Jim Walsh. . . The sequel to 'Lady in the Dark': M.P. with a flashlight.

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. . . Capt Rubin R. Miller, the Training O., away for three wks to attend the S2 Tactical School at Eastview, NY. . . Laurie Sorgatz, Med. Supply doesn't like those waiting periods between the 'bushels' of mail (from S/Sgt. Don Conant?). . . Things to come: Ed McLeon of Mess Supply and Evelyn Smith from Registrar's; all set for that 'special' date this Thursday night. . . Margaret Steinhagen, the steno of the Surgical O., leaving TGH after three years - to knit baby things. . . Pfc. Cele Zeff of Warehouse #5, last wk left for Fort Myer, Va. . . On May 1st Mrs. Mildred Tannebaum will celebrate her third anniversary at Tilton, at the same desk all the time. Capt. Frank W. Smith, the 'new' Post Food Supervisor, is her sixth boss. . . Sgt. Bill Norvell wonders if 'you've heard about the moron who-- became a Peeping Tom to qualify for the job of night watchman", . .

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. . . Daisie LaVigne reports that the T-operators celebrated their chiefs birthday last week: Mrs Ann Rich. Guests included Major McDowell from Ft Dix and Lt. E. A. Howard, the Adjutant. . . A picture of her boyfriend on the desk in Mess Supply is the inspiration for WAC Sullivan. . . S/Sgt Jim Mahaney, formerly of the QM here, is back on duty at his station after a few weeks' illness. . . Back from furlough is Cpl Bea Friedberg. . . Marge Robertson, we hear, has Dick Mantel 'henpecked' (Already?). . . Pistol-Packin' Peter Bruno of the MPs and Winnie Peterson: The things that mean so much to me. . . A set of sketches showing the history of Tilton month by month is being executed by Cpl Charles Selvage, TT's chief artiste. . . Signs of Spring: The two army mules on special duty here. . . The forsythia in bloom all 'round the area. . .

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. . . A true sketch of army life and one which really happened involves a Col. and a Pvt. . . The Colonel, it seems, had a long interesting conversation with a WAC driver before he 'persuaded' her that it was OK for her to drive him somewhere.. One of the most interesting features of the Reconditioning Program is the Auto Mechanic Class which delves in the theoretical and the practical. Friedman and Spencer, of the Med. Det. are the instructors. . .

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. . . This is Tilton: Reveille - filling the dawn with yawns. . . The chit-and-chat on the ramp after chow. . . The April showers lasting over two wks already.. The eye-soothing pictures of pin-up girls in Bks and Qrs. . . The Information Desk- never a dull moment. . . The hush of the Chapel - a place where Catholics, Protestants and Jews can pray to their Gods without fear: one of the freedoms for which we are fighting. . .



# EASTER DINNER FOR TGH PATIENTS

Pleasantly surprised by white linen tablecloths, colored napkins, candy baskets and dyed eggs at their tables, the ambulatory patients ate their holiday dinner in the hospital mess, amidst a profusion of young flowers, potted plants, Easter bunnies and eggs. The Smorgasbord, a daily feature in the mess, was especially colorful and bountiful. Many salads in keeping with the Easter festival were displayed, with each meal festive and planned so that traditional foods were included.



The decorative scheme was planned and devised by Pfc. Norris Bass, assisted by Sgt. Melvin Aiken and S/Sgt. John Tremark. The menus by Lt. E. Waldman. All decorations, such as baskets and flowers were donated by the Red Cross; trays served in the wards were decorated with colored tray covers, napkins, candy baskets and dyed eggs. ...Oh, yes-- we almost forgot-- the meals were super-delicious! 1

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## CONTRIBUTE TO YANK

YANK, The Army Weekly, has flung the door wide open to aspiring GI journalists - reporters, photographers, fiction-writers- who would like to see their names and contributions in the internationally-distributed soldier mag. According to a letter recently sent by YANK's Camp Feature Editor, Cpl. Paul Johnston, The Army Weekly is anxious to give everybody a crack at getting his name and the name of his camp in print. Bylines and credit lines will be featured in the CAMP NEWS pages in YANK for all important material.

"In this way," states Cpl. Johnston, "a place becomes open now on these two pages in YANK for original stories, individual styles and viewpoints. We want short, amusing and light items, but we also need the serious ones badly, and these can come mainly from contributors."

Because YANK's stated policy is to be a down-to-earth publication "by and for enlisted men and women in the armed forces" every GI is a potential contributor, and every story or picture about camp life will be welcomed by the editors.



Address to: Continental Liaison Branch, Bureau of Public Relations, War Department Pentagon, Washington, D.C., with a request that the material be forwarded to YANK, The Army Weekly.

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TO THE PATIENTS: Want a weekend of fun in a homelike atmosphere among friendly folks all at no expense to you?? If you do, contact your ward officer or the Red Cross at TGH and arrangements will be made. This service is provided by the Army-Navy League for convalescent hospital patients.

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# 297TH NEWS

Editor: Sgt. Jerry Schuster  
Contributors: Pvt. Daniel Dominick  
Pfc. Irvin P. Seymour Jr.

BY: Dan  
Dominick

The departure of the 297th from the town of Hammung resulted in the usual sad farewells. For instance, William Brown's heart throbs away to Sgt. Robert Walton, and by exact count, five others, off, too. Indeed, a sad, sad farewell.

Also seen was the cute number that came to mourn E. B. Allick's departure. She calls him "my man."

Seems P/O Alexander is something of a comedian, something like "BB."

S/Sgt. Eugene fellow seems to have acquired some "official business." He captured a table and proceeded to lay out his cards. Planning grand strategy, no doubt.

Notes for Vogue: The perfume now popular with troops on convoy is "Eau de Cologne." T/3 Salathe aired his compartment with its refreshing sweetness much to the delight ????? of his buddies.

Congrats to cooks and L.P.'s from the bottom of our hearts to the pits of our stomachs. Their ceaseless efforts made possible our ceaseless eating.

Car 8, train 2 votes Edwin Stewart "champeen" bridge player, while in Car 7, train 2, Sgt. Pritchard stalled humor with stale stories.

The Nurses seemed to have an enjoyable trip. Their time was taken up by learning how to ~~move~~ ~~sign~~, and on all things, they carried balls with them. (The Maternal Instinct?).

Nominee for mascot: "G.I.," the traveling dog. Maybe we can get her some stripes too! Yes, "G.I." has become a favorite of all members of the unit, and in our next issue, space will be given to telling all members who do not know, how we acquired her.

Upon arrival at Fort Dix, some incidents happened that bear mentioning. The first is better related by a poem, the meaning of which we leave to the readers and fellow sufferers:

Fuzzy Wuzzy in for Dispensary care,  
Fuzzy Wuzzy lost his hair;  
Now Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy  
Wuz he????????????????(Anon.)

Social Note: Pfc Earl H. Brown, Chicago's own, was the guest of Sgt. Lou Dymarch at the latter's home in Philadelphia. Earl accepted it as a "must for the upper-crust."



# 297TH. SPORTS

BY: Pfc.  
Irvin P. Seymour Jr.

BASEBALL: The 297th Softball team is now organized and manager R-Sgt. Valenta is anxiously waiting to show his team some action against teams in this area.

The locals already have one victory under their belts as they beat the morning (California) High School lads 17 to 4, prior to our departure.

The 297th has approximately the same "cracker jack" outfit as they had last year. The lineup is as follows:

Evert.....	2B
Barbara.....	3B
Ulmer.....	C
Broadsack.....	LF
Freshie.....	SS
Lipinski.....	SP
Faine.....	CF
Seymour.....	1B
Cowan.....	RF
Valenta.....	P

BOXING: The 297th is also represented by a boxing team, fighting bouts every Thursday night at the Sports Arena. Manager "Boss" Auriemma has selected Jack Tripani, Eddie Evert, George Ulmer, and Ed Lipinski to carry the 297th colors



into the Arena. A large turnout is expected from the local outfit, to cheer the boys to victory.

## A LAMENT

We started in Texas a long time ago  
To prepare to set up in the big show  
We trained and we trained with all we had  
When orders to move arrived we were so glad.

So off to the Golden West we all were  
sent

We were sure we would soon be overseas  
bent

But after arriving all they would say,  
You set up a hospital in C-AMA.

(Above poem contributed anonymously)

After a period of six months or so,  
They told us our orders had said we  
would go,

Again on a troop train, we boarded like  
chicks

And where were we sent?--you guessed it,  
Fort Dix!

Again we are training, how long will  
this last?

Hikes, marches, bivouacs, and hours of  
class

Training, training, training may be all  
BUT,

Our question is----NOW WHAT!?

## NURSE

## NOTES

The entire organization wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations to three nurses who are getting up in the ranks: Captain Loree Wolf, promoted to Major; 1st Lt. Amelia Leino, to Captain, and 1st Lt. Irene Magnin to Captain.



Farewell to 2d Lts Helen Bapst and Mary McKenna, who were transferred to Tilton General Hospital.

The unit has received some new nurses too, so a "welcome" goes out to 1st Lt. Kihli and 2d Lts Grest, Commers, Mathews, McCabe, Lynch, and others. We hope they will find a "home" here as have all of the other nurses.



# HERE AND THERE AROUND TILTON

## NOTES OF INTEREST FOR OLE TILTONIANS:

TILTON TALK has lately received mail from several old friends--soldiers who used to hold forth here and we pass their greetings on to you who have been stationed here long enough to remember them. Capt. George D. Lessley, formerly Protestant Chaplain here for a year and a half, informs us that he is now Post Chaplain at Fort Totten, N.Y. Chaplain Lessley had been assigned to the office of the Second Service Command Chaplain in New York after leaving Tilton.

From Sgt. Donald O'Brien, that big, tall, blond Adonis who used to "grace" the guard force here, we heard by V-Mail from overseas. Sgt. O'Brien is stationed with three other ex-Tiltonians: T/4 Henry Smith, formerly of the information office, T/4 Ed Silverman, ex-Medical Library, and T/5 Francis "Abe" Hammore, Quartermaster Detachment, and Louis De Luca, of the NP Section. As O'Brien says, "...every once in a while we get together and the conversation invariably will end up with us discussing the happy hours we spent at--you know where." One more indication of the fondness with which Tilton is remembered by its former soldiers now overseas. Sgt. O'Brien also mentioned that for just a few short minutes he had run across Sgt. Jack Cohen and "Blackie," two of the colorful GI's who used to help make Tilton tick.

A civilian who used to soldier at Tilton and points south stopped back last week for a visit. It was Vincent Grimm, formerly a T/4 and chief of the Medical Service night men.

SPRING SPORTS NOTE: S/Sgt. John Frame has started to round up the makings of a Tilton softball team, but so far everything is in the toss and catch stage. Things however, may develop in the near future. The 297th, according to Athletic and Recreation Officer Lt. William Hill, is ambitious to play any team at Dix in softball, bowling, or boxing.

FAREWELL: It's goodbye and good luck to Capt. Leonard Berman, ex-Ass't Chief of the Urological Section, Surgical Service, TGH. Capt. Berman has been with us for many months and he will be missed.

MONTHLY DINNER-DANCE: S/Sgt. Eddie Judge informs us that the next Detachment-WAC dinner-dance is scheduled for Friday 21 April. It seems there is another extra treat in store for this party--but then, most of them have been treats in themselves.

STRICTLY FOR PATIENTS: Here's your chance for an all-expense-paid week end that is really tops. The Army-Navy League Convalescent Service in cooperation with the Red Cross at Tilton offers week ends of fun and entertainment at private homes in this area. Permission of your ward officer must first be obtained. But if you have that, it doesn't matter if you're crutch or cast, walking or in a wheel chair, the way is open to you. How about having yourself a time?

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS CUT A DISK: Led by Capt. Josephine Springer, the Occupational Therapy Dept. of TGH took itself over to the Post Recording Studio at Fort Dix last week to make a record explaining the functions and purposes of Occupational Therapy. The disk, after approval by the Surgeon General in Washington, will be circulated nationally to be broadcast over the air. Miss Marie Maxwell, Hostess of the Reception Center Service Club, wrote the script, which included an interview with Capt. Springer and a discussion of O.T. among the members of the staff including Capt. Springer, Pfc Ely Friedman, and Pvt. Elizabeth Cannon.





# WHISPERS

S/Sgt EDDIE JUDGE

FLASH!!.....WAC Virginia Whipple has been selected "The Model WAC" by Harry Conover, head of the famous model agency, and will soon leave for New York, where she will be "glamorized and publicized"....Ginnie was selected from a group of six WAC's of TGH, and all her friends here are looking forward to seeing her picture in some of the pic magazines in the near future....Incidentally, Ginnie could carve out a swell career for herself as a vocalist....She has a fine, but really fine, set of "pipes"....

Was Sid Goldstein's face red at the Dispensary not so long ago?....Ask Sid why.....It's a killer reason!!.....

Is Grace Jack pining for Irvin Bernstein?...Or have they gone phtt?....

Bob Yaeger is looking around for more pets....He is setting "Henrietta", his pet woodchuck free as soon as it gets warm enough....

Did you ever get a load of that ramp-bouncing back at John Bray's after lights out?...Man, it really bounces men around in their beds!....

That wee-be-gone expression on Danny Manfredo's face these days is due to the discovery that his accordion bellows have been sorta "beat" by the constant rubbing against his blouse buttons while playing....(The E & R Fund will take care of that, Dan, so perk up)....

An added decoration to the charm of one of the prettiest WAC's on the Post....The four stripes of "Pat" Terhune's....

WACoddities: The "parade of the ghosts" down the ramp each AM after Reveille....Some can take it....Some can't....Some look good....Some awful, but awful....(Without malice, gals....We know how we look and feel!)....

What goes with the WAVE visitors ??....One was "on watch" all evening, according to rumor, but good!....

John Frame is making plans for a softball team, so turn in your names to him and let's win another trophy this year....

According to John Holzapfel, April is the "Month of the Big Weep"....And how, John, and how!!.....

Jack Schwartzer is up and around again after a short sojourn as a patient ...Nice secin' ya' back with us again, Jack....

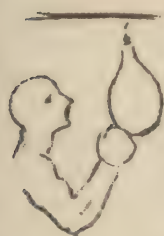


Carl Shanks with us at Reveille for awhile----Ex necessitate rei...(How'm I doin', Capt. Healy?)....

Since Dick Mantell returned the sun shines, the birds sing, the whole world is rosey again.... according to Marge Robertson.....



If you want a few laughs contact Al Weinstein....Al was manager of a "Burleecue" theatre before entering the service, and has a lot of backstage gossip and off-the-record accounts that can only be equalled by his account of the reason he wasn't sent overseas...."



Get a load of Charlie Kelly in the gymnasium any night in the week.... Beating a tattoo on the light punching bag....Who've you got in mind, Charlie?.....

Ginger McDaniels legally changed her name to Mrs. John Corvi March 28th in New Brunswick.....Congratulations, Ginger, and, to be trite, 'May all your troubles be "little ones"'.....

Wedding bells for Elvira Zecca.....What goes with our WAC Detachment?.... Can't be Spring, 'cause it really isn't here yet, in spite of the weather experts..

Spring took a good wallop at Sid Goldstein....Sid joins the ranks of the "henpecked" soon....(Pay no attention, Sid, we're just a wee bit jealous).....

Nick Gentile has become a regular patron of the Joint Day Room....Wonder why?.....

Up to his ears in work at Medical Supply....And loving it!....Sgt Lew DePoto.

Sure was a treat to "give out" a little at the Patients' Smoker on April 6th....Haven't had so much fun with an audience since I quit the "boards" when vaudeville expired some few years ago....The fellers went hook, line and sinker for all the gags....And that is all the payment a guy could ask for....

Just in case you haven't been to the Joint Day Room recently, drop in and see how you like the new furniture....

NOTE TO THE WAC's.....Larry Becker and Dan Crocca, our two ace photographers, are trying to find the most photogenic WAC....Why not drop in and "have your pitcher took?"....Both the boys are at the "Studio" in the Joint Day Room 'most any night in the week....

Our "Newark Representative," Joe Rosof, reports that all is quiet and serene on that "front".....

A treat to eat: Stan Polikoff, of sweet saxophone fame, recently took 8 members of the Detachment to a party to celebrate his promotion to a T/5. "Folly" treated them royally, from soup to nuts!

THE REGULAR MONTHLY DINNER-DANCE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 21 APRIL--DON'T MISS THIS ONE FOLKS BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE A REALLY SWELL AFFAIR--BUT THEN, AREN'T THEY ALL?

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#### LONELY YANK PREFERS 100 WOMEN TO GIFT

Southwest Pacific (CNS) -- A soldier stationed at a base here received a birthday present from 100 women in Connecticut. He wrote back that he didn't want to appear ungrateful but he wished they had kept the gift and sent him the 100 women instead.

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#### FASHION SHOW IN NEW GUINEA

New Guinea (CNS) -- GIs at a New Guinea base were asked by Red Cross girls what sort of a show they would like to see. "A fashion show," was the reply. So, wearing everything from bathing suits to evening gowns, the girls gave them a fashion show.



# MUTTERS AND STUTTERS

(CIVILIAN STYLE)

I sob and I groan - Oh alas and alack!! ...  
My feminine pride - well - it's really set back -  
Agony - torture - yes, woe is me!  
A CAF-? with no dough is me...  
I've squandered it all on - I don't know what,  
Numbers, taxes, and so forth - BUT  
It's a major crisis, cuz everyone knows,  
Come spring (it's essential) the gals get new clothes.  
Now, what in the world can you do, I askya,  
When last year's hat looks like baked alaska!  
Well, lots of our Misses have tricky spring gadgets -  
Snappy dresses with hats to madgeit -  
F. Robotin's plastic earrings are dandy,  
Tiny red hearts (they look just like candy)  
Jeanette Feldsher sports a lavender suit -  
And, truly, Jeanette, on you it's a beaut!  
And the thing that's a LOVE - that is dreamy and drifty-  
That catches your eye - that is clever and nifty -  
Is Winnie McLaughlin's black chapeau  
Tres chic - tres gai - tres grande - tres beau;  
And "Hi" to you, Winnie, welcome back home  
(We could chatter on that for the rest of the pome!)  
Yes, and hundreds of thousands of millions of billions  
of "Hi's" and "Hello's" to all new civilians!!  
On that diet fiasco - Dolores Frey  
Is the constant winnah - don't ask me why  
Rosemary, Helen and Katherine Ryan  
Keep right on tryin' and tryin' and tryin'  
Miss M. Marcinkowski is in a dilemma ...  
A REALLY messy dilemma extremma!!  
She's house hunting - and naught's worse, 'tis said  
Than no floor under feet - no roof over haid!!  
The civies say (and who knows if they oughter)  
That Mrs Sprague's adorable daughter  
(QM's Marge is the one I mean)  
Has licked the platter of knowledge clean!!  
Her queries - her questions - come fling in so -  
Miss Marjorie must have a WEALTH of info!!  
After considerable hawing and hemming -  
We found this out about Mrs  
(No names - NO NAMES) (Don't mention what clinic!)  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_'s a "Happy Birthday" cynic!!  
She'll never attend another party -  
She's through with 'em all - to finish from starty!!  
Hurray for the civies - and throw in some rahs -  
We can feel lots better this month becahs -  
We now have a 12% bond deduction  
To aid and abet Mr Hitler's destruction.  
But, we don't stop there - we keep on, I hope  
'Til this Hitler's neck's in a nice tight rope!!

CHEERIO!!



# ARMY SIDELIGHTS CNS

## 35 REPATRIATED YANKS GET \$44,000 BACK PAY:

New York: Back pay for 35 repatriated officers and men who returned to this country on the exchange liner Gripsholm was disbursed within four hours after their arrival at a hospital here.

The payoff totaled \$44,000 and included base pay, allowances, flying pay, and additional pay for overseas service which accrued while the men were imprisoned in Germany. A lieutenant got the largest single payment-----\$4,700.

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## TWO GOOD REASONS TO MISS DRAFT CALL: With Second Army on Maneuvers: There were

just two obstacles to prevent Willie Rainers, of Petersburg, Va. from responding to the Selective Service summons he received last week.

1. Being in Tennessee, he couldn't reach Virginia in time for induction.

2. Willie has already spent seven years in the Army and this season he is "wintering" with his outfit on maneuvers in Tennessee.

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## MP HANDCUFFS HIMSELF: Ft. Sheridan, Ill:

Cpl. Ed Rocklin, an MP, overstayed a one-day pass, but he had a good excuse. Seems he put his handcuffs on to show his girl how they worked and then he could not get them off. A locksmith freed him the following day.

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**ROUGH GAME:** Algiers: Lt. Frank McWilliams, of Olean, New York, uninjured in 50 flying combat missions, took a few minutes off for a hot game of ping pong. Reaching for a high shot, he sprained his back, was carried out on a stretcher, and has been in a hospital ever since.

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## AMERICAL DIV. MAKES HISTORY IN SOLOMONS

Bougainville: Members of the Americal Infantry Division, the only unit in the U.S. Army designated by name rather than number, have been making a name for themselves by beating back Jap attacks on our positions in Bougainville.

The Americal---whose name is a combination of "America" and "California"---was the first U.S. Army division to take the offensive against the enemy in the Pacific. Activated May 24 in New Caledonia, the division

landed here on Christmas Day, 1941 and went to work on the Japs right away. Since that date, its deeds of individual and collective heroism have become legendary in



the Solomons.

The division is made up of men from every section of the U.S.---backed by a nucleus of National Guard outfits from Illinois, North Dakota, and Massachusetts. Its commander is Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, of Carbondale, Ill., whose offer of a bottle of Scotch and case of beer to every soldier in the division who brings in a Jap prisoner has made him one of the most popular commanders in the Solomons area.

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**HOW'S THAT AGAIN?:** Hollywood: GIs in Alaska are nice boys, but they're shy, according to Ingrid Bergman, easy-to-look-at movie star who recently returned from a tour of camps in that theater. "We practically had to chase then she added.

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**IT'S A TOUGH LIFE:** Indianapolis: Dewey Campbell, a hotel clerk, was bitten on the nose by a patron who became enraged when told that no rooms were available!



# THE HISTORY OF JOHN DOE

*Sp. Morris*



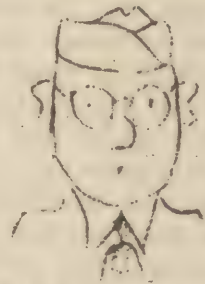
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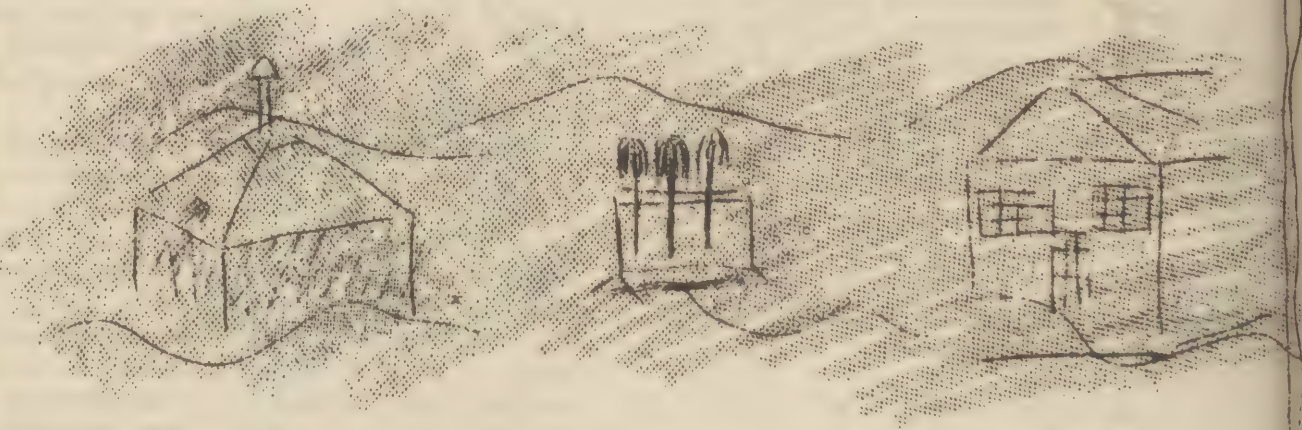
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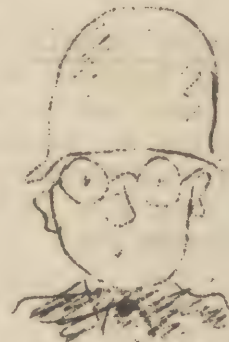
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# FROM OUR READERS:

Dear Editor:

When the previous issue of Tilton Talk made its appearance, I casually thumbed my way through its pages, and stopped when I came upon the section set aside for suggestions from the readers. It amazed me no end to find that one or perhaps more remembered that at one time I ran a column in this publication called THE BOND BOX. A still greater source of surprise was the suggestion that I resume this column.

I am going to take advantage of your generous attitude to discuss an important subject which I have failed to touch upon in the past.

Uppermost in our minds today is the successful prosecution and quick termination of the war. To accomplish this, we must give every program designed for this purpose our complete cooperation and support. Our government requests that we give it our financial assistance. It does not demand that we contribute money - it asks us to invest our money in WAR BONDS.

From a personal viewpoint, the investment is a good one. When the bond matures, we receive from the government four dollars for every three of our original investment. But more important is the fact that our purchases of WAR BONDS may be directly responsible for shortening the war. By taking one day from the length of the war, the lives of many thousands will be saved, and you shall be able to return to your homes that much sooner.

To date, the percentage of WAR BOND sales at Tilton has been commendable. However, largely responsible for this percentage, has been the sale of single bonds at the Post Office. Besides that, it is a good investment to buy your Bonds through allotment. By doing so, you will be informing the government in advance of the amount it can expect from this source. You will benefit personally because this method will stabilize your savings.

If you do not have a Class B allotment, get one. If you already have one, increase it. You will be rendering a great service to your country and to yourself.

T/4 Jack Schwartz

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## A. F. I.

To patients who have time on their hands while convalescing at Tilton as well as to Detachment men and women, a suggestion is offered. Why not enroll in the United States Armed Forces Institute courses for self-teaching or correspondence subjects? A wide variety of courses is open ranging from Air Conditioning to Physics, from Radio Operation to Surveying, from Calculus to Steam Engineering, from Cost Accounting to English Literature. The enrollment fee of \$2 entitles the soldier to take as many courses as he can handle.

A large-scale fund of USAFI information is now on display at the Army Service Library in the Red Cross building along with an entire section of the kinds of textbooks used by USAFI.





# WAC TUAL FACTS

by  
Cpl.  
Pearl  
Jackson

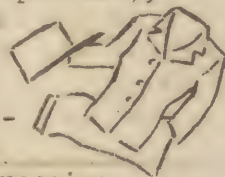
It is very difficult to write a column this time of year, when all one's impulses compel him toward the nearest green meadow, there to spend the day inhaling the sweet air, musing upon the beauties of nature, and perhaps munching an occasional apple. Alas, conditions prevent our joining hands with Thoreau, kindred though he be with our spirits, for there's a war demanding our energies, and our own little role at Tilton is time-consuming. So, we must leave the buttercups and the rapture of this stirring season, forestalling our keen appreciation and delight in spring until victory is ours, and once more the perennial miracle of the seasons can occupy its merited place in our hearts.

By the time this issue goes to press (and the phrase "goes to press" is perhaps an overstatement, since it is obvious to the sophisticate that "TILTON TALK" is a mimeographed publication, but it does have a more euphonious effect than "goes to the mimeographing machine"), our T.A., Captain Alter, will have returned from her two weeks' training course. Glad we'll be to see her, too, tho' her place was filled capably and graciously by Lt. Brown during her absence. If we know Captain Alter, we're sure she's just as happy to be in our midst again, as we are to have her. Welcome, wanderer!!!

One need be something of a mathematical wizard to fathom the profundities of the new pass set-up. It used to be so simple and comfortable in the good old days, merely to calculate whether one was in Group A or B, and on or off post accordingly. Ah, but now, with this 25% business, all the easy old method is gone, and we are left instead with problems of calculus and higher mathematics. These are sorry times for those whose tastes incline toward the literary rather than the scientific.

Well, there is a silver lining. Gripping and feeling sorry for yourself takes your mind off the war. Life's lesser tribulations sometimes dwarf the major ones.

Don't know where the rumor started, though probably it first saw light in the place where most rumors originate (and I can't be more specific), but like athlete's foot the word has spread that we are to be issued new summer uniforms. It's all very mysterious, and nothing concrete has materialized to confirm it, but most of us agree that it would not be a bad idea at all. We all love new clothes, and from the utilitarian angle, how many of us could squeeze into last summer's skirts anyway? Conover and Powers may shudder, but Tilton's mess crew can receive no higher tribute to its culinary achievements. They tell me that WACS at certain posts actually grow thin! First among those not on the list is the Tilton Detachment.



One of the prettiest weddings to take place at the Tilton Chapel in many a moon was that last Saturday of Pfc Elvira Zecca, who contributes her share toward Victory in the Laboratory, and Cpl Frank J. Oliver, an aerial gunner stationed at the Fort Dix Air Base. A generous representation of WACS was on hand for the ceremony, and also attending were Lt. Brown and Major Weintraub. There was much kissing of the bride by all present, and the groom came in for his share, too. The consensus is that "This Cpl Oliver seems like an awfully nice guy," and we all wish him and "Zec" happiness and a bright future together.



## Mystery

Our brand-new shining bathtub  
Must be a magic thing,  
For girls who had no voice at all  
Now find that they can sing!

Having recently joined the ever-swelling ranks of the non-coms, your correspondent has been initiated into an entirely new mode of living. Non-coms must "set an example", and as such, must never be discovered committing such unpardonable faux pas as promenading on the ramp sans hat, appearing in the P.X. after 6 PM in fatigues, or standing reveille in pajamas. After all, they say, if a "CORPORAL" does these things, what then can be expected of poor private?"

The first task of the novice non-com is the sewing on of stripes, to display to the world the distinction one has received, and so that one may be addressed by one's proper rank. It is the custom among newly-commissioned 2d Lts to bestow a dollar upon the first enlisted man to tender them the salute. A similar custom should really be established among rookie corporals, who should offer a dime to the first party addressing them as "Corporal." A dime is the sum suggested for practical reasons, since we all know that corporals are hardly to be classified in the higher income brackets.

However, the final test of one's mettle comes when one is placed in charge of a detail. One is ushered into a position of vast authority, and takes his seat among the mighty. After long weary months of obeying daily orders involving scouring laundry tubs, mopping floors, dusting the day room, scrubbing the showers, cleaning millions of sinks, etc., the sudden cascade to power finds the WAC Corporal assigning those heart-breaking jobs to other less-fortunates. There is always the danger of the green non-com developing a Napoleonic complex, the therapy for which consists of a policy of passive resistance on the part of her squad, which is guaranteed to restore balance.

Sure way to make you feel like an old-timer in the service: to discover your name on a notice to report for booster shots. In some respects a year can go by mighty quickly!



Now that a male officer takes the report at Reveille each morning, nothing is sacred!!! It is not well that masculine eyes should behold us at the ungodly hour of 6:00 AM, and many a male illusion is bound to be shattered when the O.D. sees arrayed before him 150 assorted heads of pinned-up hair, and 150 sleep-laden faces, lacking all semblance to the company of charming and attractive young women who later appear at the hospital for their various jobs. However, if the O.D. is as sleepy as we are, no amount of loveliness would impress him at Reveille!

The bugle call announcing mess has just been heard, and mess is more important than WActual Facts, so that's all for now.

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## JOKES

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Pvt: Watsa matter, didn't you have any fun with that mind reader last night?  
Cpl: Naw, she just sat around and blushed all evening.  
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"My husband stays out 'til five in the morning. What would you do in my place?"  
"Let's go over to your place and I'll show you."



# PVT. WILLIE ELLIS' NIGHTMARE

By  
Private  
Arthur  
Posner

"I'm gonna move in a tent," Pvt Willie Ellis stated flatly, "I aint taking this kinda stuff anymore....no sir!"

It was an unusually warm evening in early April, and Willie and I were reclining leisurely on our cots in Barrack #1. You see, Willie was 26.2% and I was 26.3%, therefore come wind, rain, or sleet, we could not get off the post under the new pass rulings. So what else was there left to do but shoot the breeze a bit?

"I take it that you have some particular gripe, Willie?"

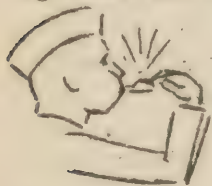
Visibly bracing himself with great effort, Willie poured forth a torrent of words to the following effect: (Now mind you, dear reader, I am quoting from memory....not shorthand. I don't know shorthand. I don't like shorthand. Why should a man know shorthand? Now, go on with the story.)



"Leave us take one solitary day in the life of Barrack #1 (said Willie) Maybe you pull emergency that night and come in around 2400 dog tired and achin' for the sack. You lay down, try to fall asleep, and all of a sudden you realize that there is a minor earthquake occurring in the front of the barrack. Then you know that the coffee klatch is going full blast in the CQ's room.

"Now, I don't know what gets into the mild TGH characters around here at night, but they seem to be transformed into howling, fiendish, pounding guys who all crowd into the CQ's room to let loose their steam. Never in my sweet life have I heard such a racket as occurs nightly in what passes for my Army home. But that is only a starter.

"Just as you are finally nodding off to sleep about 0100, sixteen guys get brainstorms and decide to take showers. They all crowd in and collaborate on a few well chosen popular songs of the day. And, to top it off, the elbow tipplers come in just about that time and proceed to take off their shoes and throw them against the wall a few times just to create a little excitement. It's terrific!



"Well, finally Morpheus gets the best of you....but not for long. At 0515 the guard house wakes the CQ, who proceeds to turn on the lights in Barrack #1 the very first of all. So, you get dressed and lie down to catch that last few winks before Reveille. But, all of a sudden some character proceeds to run up and down, back and forth, to and fro, blowing his little head off with a whistle. What the object of this is, I'll never know.

"Then, to top it off, the bugler proceeds to park himself right outside my window and knocks his brains out trying to blast me out of bed.

"So, all in all, I would say living in Barrack #1 is for me a trying proposition. Do you blame me for desiring the peaceful and quiet tent life?"

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**PATIENTS:** Want a weekend of fun? Join the Red Cross Weekend Parties. This service is provided by the Army-Navy League for convalescent hospital patients through the cooperation of the Red Cross.



# Humor-ESQUE

She: "It seems silly instructing soldiers in the use of arms. I've never met one who needed instructions."

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To be popular with the girls a man must do the wrong thing at the right time.

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## Epitaph for Sarge

Here lies my sergeant;  
Let him lie.  
He's found rest,  
And so have I.

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Pfc: "Here's a letter from your wife. She says that you are the father of a 7-lb boy."

Pvt: "Doesn't she say anything else?"

Pfc: "That's all, except at the end of the letter she did say, 'truly yours'!"

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From the spirit of 1776:

I followed her ten blocks or more,  
A figure trim and neat.  
And then at last I saw her face,  
As she turned off down the street.  
And now I'm roaming far and wide,  
And blood is in my eye;  
I'm looking for the guy who said  
That figures never lie!

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Sign on back of car carrying a newly-wed couple: "Careless Talk Caused This."

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Overheard: "What a relief seeing you again. The rumor had gotten around that you had signed a separate peace!"

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Marry in haste and repeat at leisure.

"When were you born," the clerk asked the rookie.

No reply.

"I say, soldier," the clerk repeated, "When's your birthday?"

"What do you care?" replied the recruit sullenly. "You ain't gonna give me anything!"

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Mother: "I told you if a soldier asked you for a kiss to say 'NO.'"

Daughter: "But, Mother--they don't ask."

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...did you hear about the mother of the paper doll who was an old bag??

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Sgt: "Who was the lady I seen you out with last night?"

Pvt: "I wasn't out; I was only dozing."

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A German mother received the following letter from her soldier-son on the Russian front:

"Dear Mother: It is very cold here; even colder than Der Fuehrer thought. Thank you for the boots you sent. They were delicious."

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One nudist to the other: "We've been seeing too much of each other lately!"

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Sgt: "Have you a book entitled, 'Man the Master of Women'?"

Librarian: "Look in the fiction department, please!"

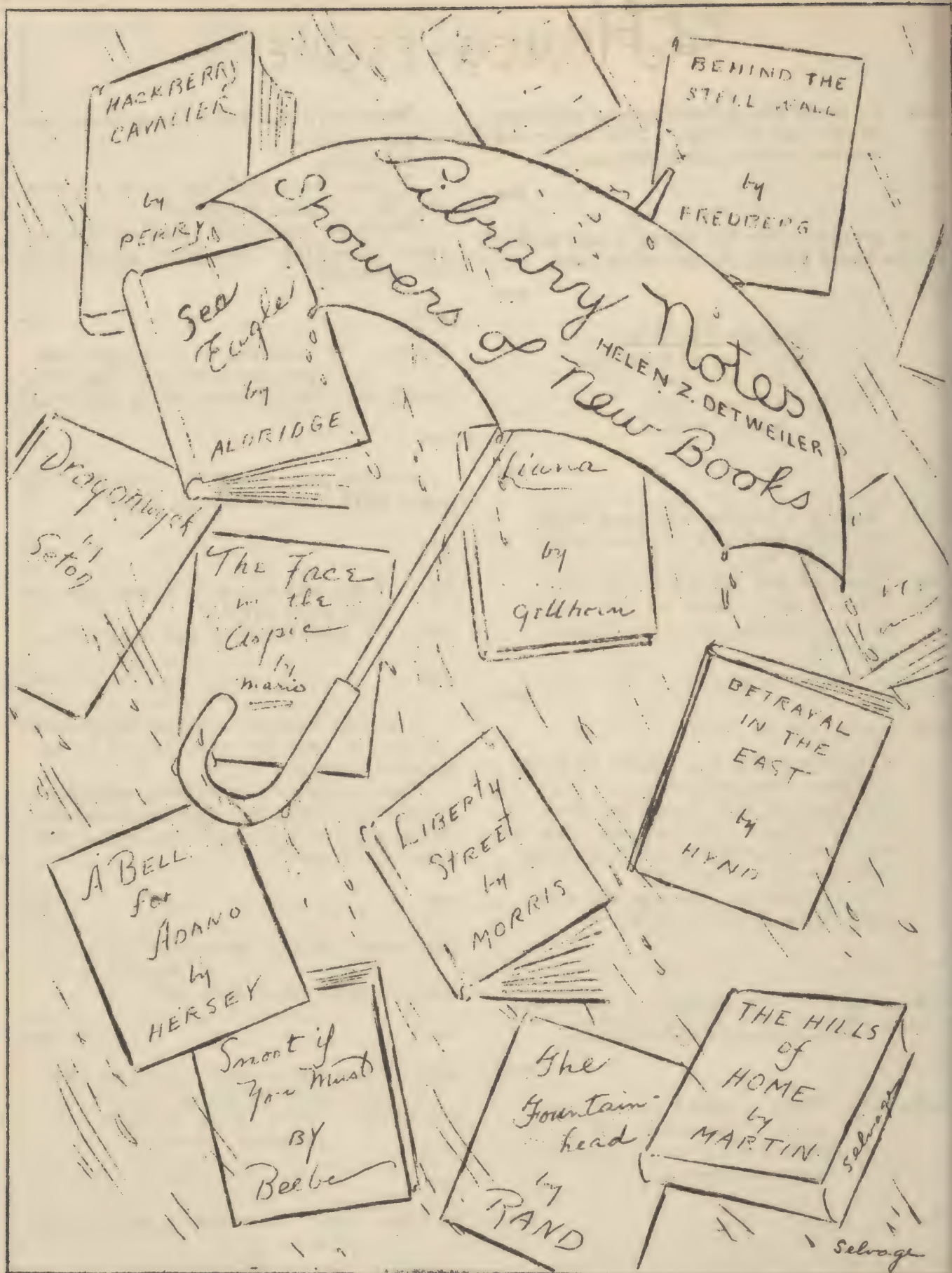
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Doctor: "Don't ever take your troubles to bed."

Patient: "But my wife won't let me sleep alone."





HACKBERRY  
CAVALIER

by  
PERRY

BEHIND THE  
STEEL WALL

by  
FREDBERG

Sea  
Eagles  
by  
ALDRIDGE

Dragonfly  
by  
Seton

The Face  
in the  
Closet  
by  
MARIO

Liana  
by  
GOLDHORN

BETRAYAL  
IN THE  
EAST

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HYND

A BELL  
for  
ADAMO  
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HERSEY

LIBERTY  
STREET  
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MORRIS

Shoot if  
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Beebe

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THE HILLS  
of  
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MARTIN

Salvage



# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Cpl  
Pearl  
Jackson

One of the most significant aspects of the recently inaugurated Reconditioning Program at Tilton is that phase known as "occupational therapy," which commenced a few weeks ago under the supervision of WAC Captain Josephine E. Springer.



Headquarters of this new project has been established in what was formerly Ward 19, where many changes and innovations have been carried out in order to conform with occupational therapy activities. A huge workroom, which in turn is divided into numerous smaller workrooms, has been constructed, and the present layout is designed to provide ample space and comfort to participants.

The major purpose of the program is its undisputed therapeutic value to the patient. In this respect it furthers the function of physical therapy. For example, a patient with an injured hand will facilitate its complete healing by weaving, or one with a leg injury might perhaps exercise it beneficially by using the bicycle saw.

It must be emphasized that the occupational therapy program is an extremely flexible one, for new equipment is arriving daily, and many projects are planned for future development. It is creative and imaginative in scope, providing a utilitarian outlet for the ability of the participant. Although present equipment consists largely of hand tools, it is expected that power tools will be obtained soon, which will enable the execution of more difficult projects.

In the paint shop, furniture is painted and re-finished. Book shelves, model boats, coffee tables, and innumerable pieces of small furniture are constructed in the wood-working shop, and these products are both useful and decorative.

The print shop already boasts of a hand press, and it is hoped that a power press will be forthcoming. Hospital forms, letterheads, stationery, personal cards, and many other varieties of printing are being done, and the results have been most satisfactory. When the power press arrives, its use will relieve a great deal of the pressure on our various mimeographing outfits now being employed at Tilton.

All types of hand crafts are being successfully accomplished, including leather work, metal work, papier mâché projects, belting, knotting, drawing, painting, rug making, weaving, etc. The possibilities of this category are limitless, and as time goes on, more and more ideas will be materialized. Some patients have shown a talent in the electrical field, as is demonstrated by the fact that several radios have been assembled. It is hoped that facilities for making pottery will soon be obtained, as well as the construction of a photographic dark room and other photographic equipment.

Although the headquarters of occupational therapy are located in the former Ward 19, there is a branch of this shop in the Neuropsychiatric Section, in Ward 29, under the direction of Pvt. Elizabeth Cannon. Personnel of the occupational therapy program, besides Capt. Springer and Pvt. Cannon, include Miss Rothenberger, who is a trained therapist, Sgt. MacNally, a recent arrival from Lovell General Hospital, Pfc. Ely Freidman, who was sent to Tilton to do occupational therapy, and Pvt. Doris Hadley. (Please turn next page).



The most conclusive proof that one can secure of the merit and success of the occupational therapy program, both as a therapeutic measure and for its psychological benefit, is its vast popularity among the patients, and the hearty enthusiasm with which it has been welcomed as an additional function of Tilton General Hospital.

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## NEW 'GRIPE BOX' PAYS AWARDS TO SOLDIERS

BALTIMORE (CNS)--A sort of super gripe box--whereby soldiers can receive promotions, furloughs and even the Legion of Merit for any bright ideas they may have on how to run the Army--has been established by the Third Service Command.



It's part of the Army Service Forces' plan to stimulate constructive thinking on the part of military personnel and possibly evoke "some practical suggestion that will increase the efficiency or economy in Army operations and administration," the Command has announced.

Enlisted men who offer the best suggestions will receive furloughs, preferment in assignment, promotions, commendations and--if the idea is really hot--the Legion of Merit, the Army's fourth highest decoration.

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## YANK PRINTED IN ITALY

Last Week, YANK, The Army Weekly, inaugurated its first European Edition by printing an issue in Naples, Italy. From now on troops in Italy, Sicily and the surrounding Mediterranean area will be reading copies of YANK as fresh from the press as the ones on PX counters in (this) Camp.

In charge of YANK's new European Edition is Major Robert Strother, who made arrangements for starting the long-disused rotogravure presses rolling in Naples. The editorial staff is made up of crack YANK correspondents including Sgts. Burgess Scott, Burt Evans and George (Slim) Aarons, who recently returned from the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead below Rome, Sgts. Walter Bernstein and John Frano, and Cpl. Tom Shehan.

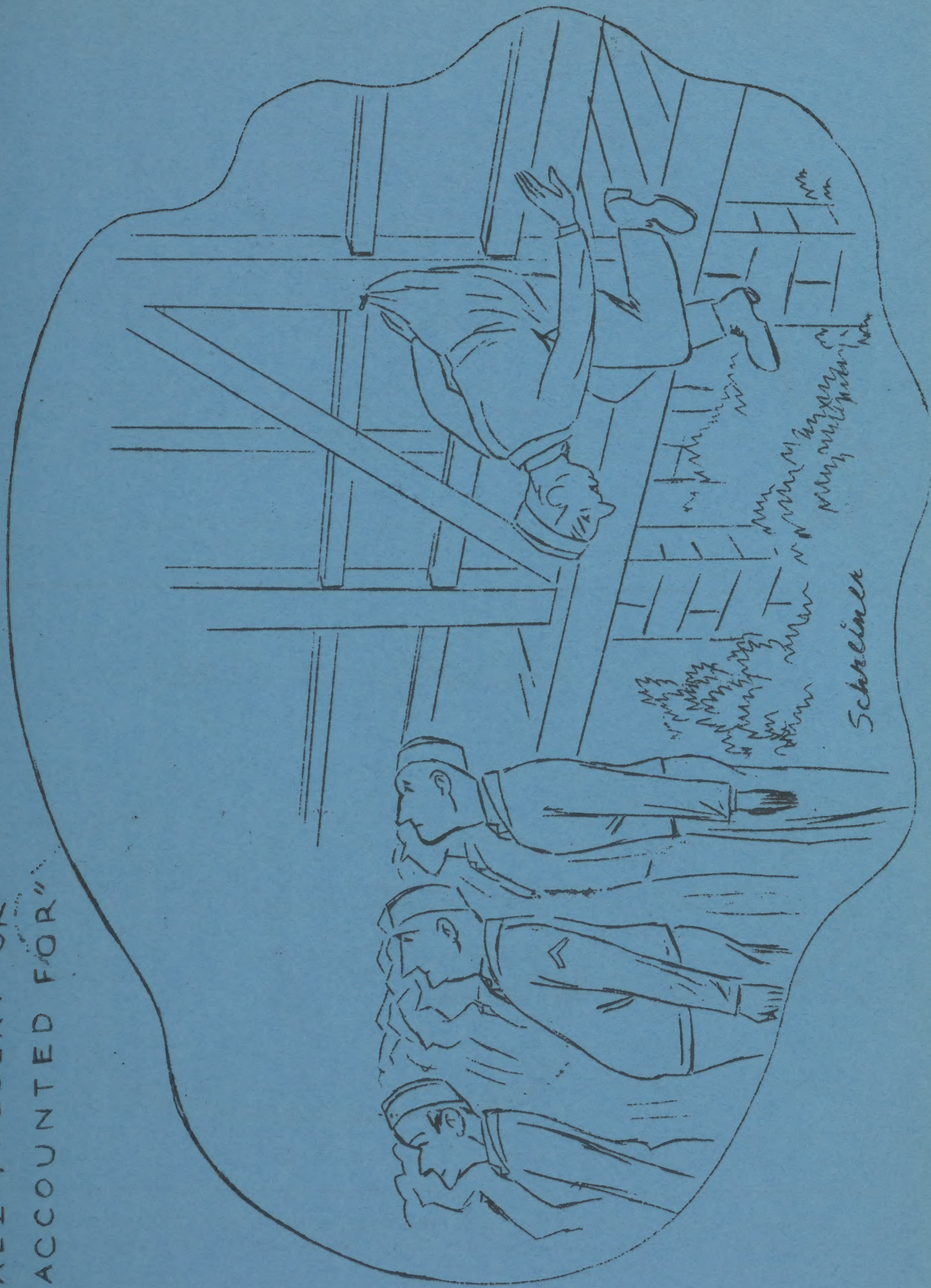
A rotogravure production expert, Cpl. Harry Sloan, was flown to Italy from the U.S. to direct the difficult printing operation on a press that had probably been used to print fascist propaganda in the Mussolini Era. Like YANK's nine other overseas editions, the one in Italy will be printed mainly from positive rotogravure film flown each week from New York. Two or three pages of local material will be substituted each week.

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PARSONS, KANS. (CNS)--Contrary to the usual custom, Mrs. Alice Peabody has received a box of cookies from her nephew in the Army. He's attending Cooks' and Bakers' School.



"ALL PRESENT OR  
-ACCOUNTED FOR"







Willie  
Selvage